

# *Extra! Extra!*

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### Bobby goes to

# HOLLYWOOD



Mike Ransdell/Chief Photographer

Several Phi Mu Alpha Symphonla members, dressed as cheerleaders, cheered their way through their skit Wednesday evening. Phi Mu Alpha Symphonla was last year's Variety Show People's Chloce Award winner

with their skit "Bobby Goes To Mars." This year, teamed with Phi Mu, they hope to bring home another Bobby. The Variety Show continues tonight and Friday, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

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# City awaits weekend, adds extra help

**by Stephanie Clarkin**  
*Missourian Reporter*

It's Homecoming time, which means increased sales for local businesses.

"The whole weekend business increases," said Linda Parker, Pizza Hut manager. "It starts Tuesday or Wednesday with the Variety Show and goes through Sunday because of alumni in town."

Hotels are booked during Homecoming. Microtel Inn puts people on a waiting list trying to accommodate all of the visitors. Along with waiting lists, hotels prepare in other ways.

**"It takes more to prepare for a full house than a half house," said Barbara Bullock, general manager of Microtel Inn.**

Sherry Spargen, general manager of Comfort Inn and Super 8 Motel, encourages people to make reservations early in the year.

Country Kitchen is also busy. Sales on Homecoming are usually between \$5,000 and \$6,000, which is almost a 100 percent increase in business.

**In order to accommodate out-of-town customers, Country Kitchen doubles its staff.**

"Homecoming will be worse this year because the Golden Corral shut

down," said Micheal Hunt, Country Kitchen shift and kitchen manager. "It is one of the busiest days of the year."

Having extra staff is common for many Maryville businesses. In addition to having more people work, Pagliai's Pizza offers something out of the ordinary. On Homecoming they open at 11 a.m. for a lunch buffet instead of the usual 5 p.m.

Maryville Public Safety also has to have more officers on duty during Homecoming weekend.

"It takes a lot of man power to work the parades," said Keith Wood, director of Public Safety. "Our calls generally go up from relating to traffic to minor disturbances from loud music, and usually a lot of gathering outside of the bars and it is our job to make sure all the activities go as orderly as possible."

The community gets involved with Homecoming by looking at the house decks, attending the variety show and the parade.

**"The community gets involved by getting caught up with the celebration just like the students," said Judy Brohammer, executive director of Maryville Chamber of Commerce. "Students are not the only ones that can have a good time."**



**Mike Ransdell/Chief Photographer**

**Maryville Hy-Vee employees unload trucks and stock the backroom of the store Tuesday night in preparation for Homecoming weekend. Homecoming is a busy time for**

**many local businesses. Increasing supplies is common practice in order to make serving the Maryville public and weekend visitors easier.**

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## *Reminiscing, Reconnecting and Rekindling*

### *Northwest Memories . . . .*



## **Northwest Office of University Advancement Homecoming 1998 Schedule of Events**

### **Friday, Oct. 9**

- Walkout Day
- Golden Anniversary Reunion, 9 a.m., Alumni House
- Golden Anniversary Luncheon, Maryville Country Club at noon
- Alumni Golf Outing, 2-person scramble, Mozingo 18-hole championship golf course, shotgun start at noon
- International Plaza Dedication Ceremony 2 p.m., plaza location
- House Decoration Viewing and Judging, throughout Maryville, starting at 5 p.m.
- M-Club Hall of Fame Banquet, Conference Center, 6 p.m., Ann Kimm-Valdez 1977, Stan Zeamer 1970, Phil White 1974, 1974 Football Team, 1983-84 Men's Basketball Team
- Hall of Fame Hospitality, Alumni House, following banquet
- Variety Show, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, Oct. 10**

- Homecoming Parade Warm Up, Alumni House 8:30 a.m.
- Parade, 9:30 a.m.
- Alumni Barbecue, Alumni House Lawn, following parade approximately at 11 a.m., barbecue beef and 1/4 pound hotdogs with baked beans, potato salad, and tailgate beverages.
- Bearcat Football vs. Missouri-Rolla, Rickenbrode, 2 p.m.
- Alumni Receptions, here and there after the game.
- Horace Mann College High Banquet, Conference Center, 6 p.m.

### **Sunday, Oct. 11**

- When Swing Was King, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m., Come swing with the Henry Busse Orchestra, in a retrospective of the Big Band era. This spectacular sound and picture format performs the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and Jimmy Dorsey

## Homecoming 1998 Calendar of Events



Greg Hetrick/Chief Photographer

Tom Stremmlau and Colby Mathews, of Tau Kappa Epsilon, laugh to themselves during their first night of Variety Show skit.

### Thursday, Oct. 8

- 7 p.m. Variety Show Mary Linn

### Friday Oct. 9

- Walkout Day — no classes, for history see page 6
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- Golden Anniversary Luncheon Maryville Country Club
- Alumni Golf Outing, noon
- House Decoration Judging, 5 p.m., map page 8

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- Following banquet Hall of Fame Hospitality Alumni House

- House Decoration Judging, 7 p.m.

- Variety Show Mary Linn, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Oct. 10

- Homecoming Day
- Homecoming Parade Warm Up Alumni House
- Parade, 9:30 a.m.
- Alumni Barbecue Alumni House Lawn, 11 a.m.



Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha work to try and finish their Homecoming float they are doing with Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Greg Hetrick/  
Chief Photographer

### Sunday, Oct. 11

- When Swing Was King Mary Linn, 3 p.m.
- Awards Event Bell Tower, 5 p.m. see page 14

**The women of Sigma Kappa  
would like to wish everyone good  
luck with Homecoming**

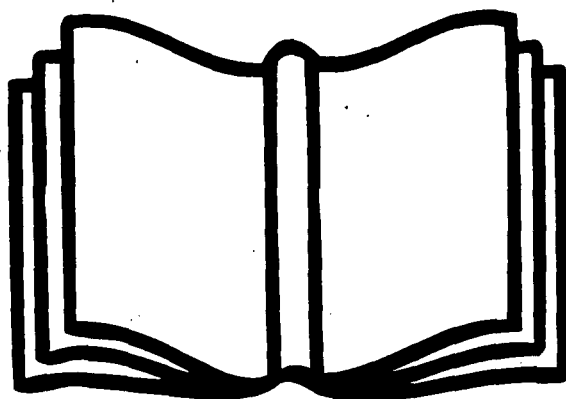


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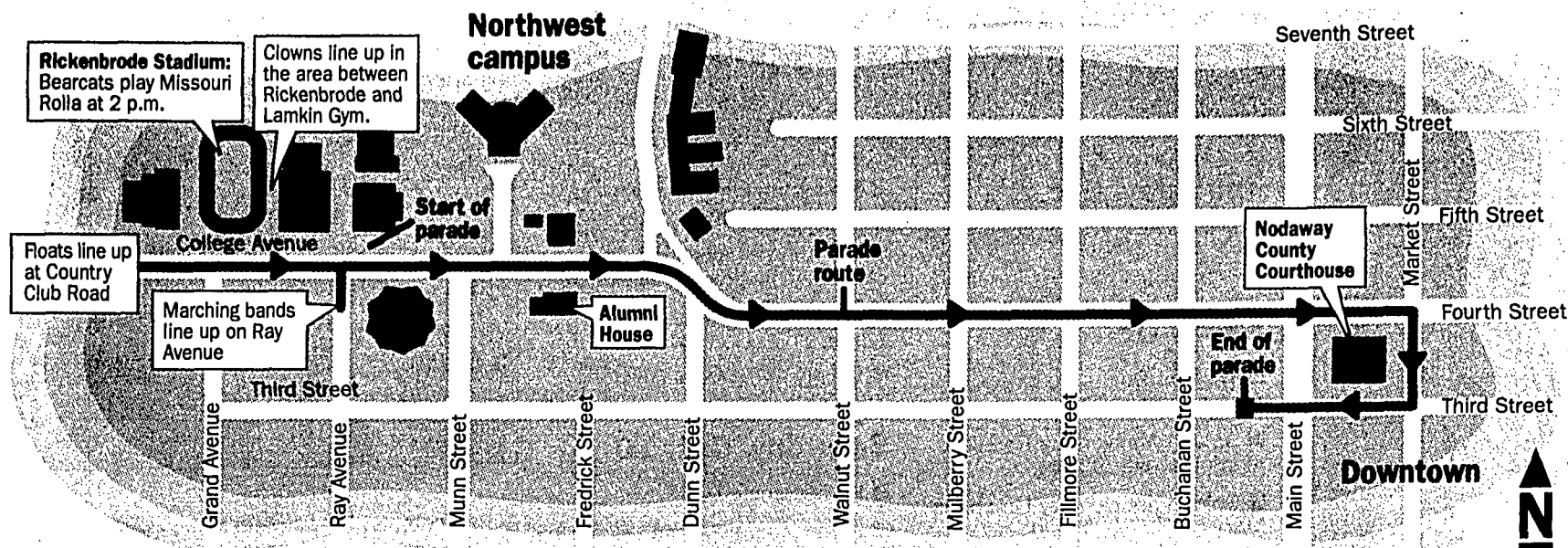
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## Bobby parades around town with the stars

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Fine Arts building, and ends at Third and Buchanan streets.



### Clowns

- Phi Mu: papier mache — Wizard of Oz; costume-Grease; pomp-Simpsons
- Sigma Kappa: papier mache-Chipmunks; costume-Liz Taylor and Elvis; pomp-Letter People
- Alpha Sigma Alpha: papier mache-Kermit/Ms. Piggy; costume-Village People; pomp-Blockbuster Nights
- Sigma Sigma Sigma: papier mache-The Walk of Fame; costume-Marilyn Monroe and James Dean; pomp-Lights, Camera, Action
- Phi Sigma Kappa: papier mache-The Three Stooges; costume-Hanson Brothers/Slap Shot; pomp-Frankenstein
- Sigma Phi Epsilon: costume-New World Order
- Tau Phi Upsilon: papier mache-South Park; costume-Ghostbusters
- Delta Zeta: papier mache-Sesame Street; costume-Superheroes; pomp-TV symbols
- North Complex: costume-The Addams Family

- Tau Kappa Epsilon: papier mache-Stars are out tonight; costume-It's Horror Time; pomp-Animation takes on Spielberg
- Sigma Society: papier mache-Coneheads; costume-Dirty Dancing; pomp-Smurf
- Alliance of Black Collegians: costume-First African Americans in Hollywood
- American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences: costume-Wheel of Fortune
- Student Support Services Advisory Council: costume-Cruisin' the Boulevard
- Alpha Mu Gamma and Phi Sigma Iota: costume-Zorro
- Delta Chi: papier mache-The Oscar's; costume-West Side Story; pomp-South Park
- Delta Sigma Phi: papier mache-Jerry Springer; costume-Gilligan's Island
- Perrin Hall Council: costume-Annie
- Bearcat Sweethearts: costume-

Audrey Hepburn, Annette Funicello and Judy Garland

- International Student Organization: costume-Bobby Goes Around the World in 80 Days
- Sigma Alpha: costume-Flintstones

### Mini-floats

- Alpha Sigma Alpha: Cruisin' Hollywood
- Sigma Sigma Sigma: Lights, Camera, Action
- Tau Phi Upsilon: Bobby Gets a Star (Walk of Fame)
- Sigma Kappa: Academy Awards (an Oscar)
- Delta Zeta: Little Shop of Horrors
- Phi Mu: Dukes of Hazzard
- Tau Kappa Epsilon: Planet Bobbywood
- Phi Sigma Kappa: Herby the Lovebug
- Delta Sigma Phi: Bobby goes to Hollywood Hill
- Delta Chi: Warner Brothers and Dot
- Residence Hall Association: Brady

Bunch/I Love Lucy/Gone With the Wind

### Floats

- Phi Mu and Sigma Phi Epsilon: Toy Story
- International Student Organization: Bobby Goes Around the World in 80 Days
- Phi Sigma Kappa: Titanic
- Sigma Sigma Sigma and Alpha Gamma Rho: Herby the Lovebug
- Sigma Kappa and Delta Zeta: Grease
- Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Alpha: Director Bobby
- Horace Mann Student Council: Tomorrow's Stars
- Kappa Sigma and Sigma Society: Bobby the Toolman Bearcat

### Jalopies

- North Complex: The Addams Family
- Country Faith: The Old Westerners
- Student Ambassadors: Bearcat Pride

- Sam Graves: political
- National Residence Hall Honorary: Bobby Bearcat as James Bond
- Mortar Board: Revenge of the Nerds
- Kappa Sigma: COPS
- Alliance of Black Collegians: First African Americans to go to Hollywood
- American Marketing Association: Bobby Bearcat goes to Hollywood
- Hudson Hall Council: Titanic
- Christian Campus House: On a Mission from God (Blues Brothers)
- Sigma Alpha: Beverly Hillbillies
- Tau Kappa Epsilon: Austin Powers
- Sigma Alpha Iota: Footloose Bobby
- Northwest Missourian: Northwest Newsies
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## STROLLER

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people to be concerned with hot topics. And not just because the Stroller prints it. That's giving him a little too much credit. But it's a voice the faculty and administration need to hear about."

## Moving toward the future

Despite his age, the Stroller continues to amaze and entertain his audiences.

"The Stroller is read by faculty and staff," said John Jasinski, assistant provost and mass communications chairman. "I know it is. I talk to colleagues all the time about it. The faculty and staff and students—that's a compliment to hear they're all reading it."

The Stroller also continues to reflect the opinions of his audience.

"The Stroller is not just half-baked ideas or nonresearched," Jasinski said. "It's proved the test of time and it's pretty close to the pulse of campus. Maybe not 100 percent, but pretty close to the pulse of campus. He's had a good test over the years."

The Stroller's sarcastic—and often accurate—wit also gives his readers pause.

"The Stroller provides a much-needed satire on the campus and community," Jasinski said. "It's always good to sit back and laugh at ourselves. The ones I enjoyed made me sit back and chuckle and say, 'You know, that really happens. We should look at that.' Or just to acknowledge it happens."

Wilkinson agreed, saying the Stroller's humor reflects the nuances of life.

"The Stroller is tongue in cheek," he said. "How do you take humor out of life? Anyone who takes it too seriously is taking themselves too seriously."

Perhaps it is his sense of humor that draws readers of all ages. Perhaps it is the curiosity of not knowing what issues, events or personali-

ties will be discussed next. Or perhaps the Stroller simply gives us a chance to sit back and observe from his own perspective.

Whatever it is, the Stroller's loyal readers plan on seeing him in the pages of the campus newspaper for many years to come.

"It's nice to hear student's perspectives," Lindaman said. "And it's usually written in an amusing fashion. It's outstanding."

Even those who have only become familiar with the Stroller in the past few years plan on hearing his words of advice in the future.

"I hope when I come back in 10 years I'm able to pick up the *Missourian* and read the Stroller," Klindt said. "I hope I have the joy of picking up the paper and reading his view of what's going on campus."

## A true campus tradition

The Stroller has appeared in more than the newspaper. This year he is making several guest appearances in the Variety Show skits.

"The Stroller is just one tradition everyone relates to," Klindt said of the TKE skit.

The Stroller has also appeared several times in the *Tower* yearbook, most recently in the 1998 book. Prior to that, the wanderer made an appearance in the 1979 book. The 1930 *Tower* used the Stroller as its theme.

"Traditions endear students to their alma mater, and the young school must strive to build them," the editors wrote. "Ours is a school in its youth, and it is our duty to foster customs peculiar to our college. The Stroller wanders through our book—a motif—to keep alive a tradition that has been a part of our college life since Jan. 8, 1918, when *The Green and White Courier*, the College paper of that time, carried the announcement, 'The Stroller has come.'"

The Stroller continues to walk through our lives, building traditions and wandering through the pages of Northwest history, documenting it as only the Stroller can.

## The Stroller

## Your Man celebrates anniversary



Happy Birthday to me,  
Happy Birthday to me,  
Happy Birthday to me, the Stroller,  
Happy Birthday to me.

Let's get out the cake and light the candles.

Your Man is turning 80 years old this year.

Your Man's style and focus have changed quite a bit over the years, but I'm still the same wanderer I was when I first began strolling these plains of Northwest Missouri in 1918.

This being my second appearance in *The Missourian* this week, the Stroller is not going to try and be funny in this one. Rather, I'd like to take a nostalgic look back at what I've seen and written about over the years.

Your Man was here in the years when the University was just a wee little college. Almost all classes were held in the great Administration Building. There was only one residence hall and the talk of renovations was far off in the future.

I used to know just about everyone and could get away with revealing personal secrets. In October of 1952, I watched from behind a cornstalk as four couples danced in the last hour of the Sadie Hawkins' dance. Also that evening, I was curious as to what happened to Joyce Twaddle because she didn't show up at the dance.

However, Northwest soon became a University. Its population grew and it became hard for the Stroller to know everyone that walked the campus. The Stroller has had to adjust to a changing world and culture, as well as that thing

called "libel." In fact, it was just recently that the disclaimer below my article was added, because of the trouble I've caused *The Missourian* at times.

The Stroller is still an unknown in the crowds at football games. I may even be in one of your classes or I eat with you in the grand ol' Union. I hide behind the trees and I walk across campus late at night, while many of you are stumbling back from the bars in downtown Maryville.

I do my best to find out the little things that happen on this campus and town. I try to find out things about people, objects or places and then gently, and mysteriously, leave my weekly report on the desk of *The Missourian* editor, so he or she can publish it for you, the students, faculty and citizens.

Over the course of last weekend, the Stroller crept Wells Hall late one night after the yearbook people had vacated the building, and reminisced at some of the things the Stroller has written about through the course of her existence. The Stroller has been there through a lot of the University's history.

The Stroller was there in the days when the football team wasn't so hot. I was one of the few fans that witnessed the not-so-mighty Bearcats endure a winless season.

The Stroller was there that summer night in July of 1979 when flames engulfed the most important and beautiful building on this campus, the Administration Building, and I remember all the memories that went up in smoke that night. Thankfully, the University was rebuilt since that disastrous evening and our historic building is still the heart of the campus.

The Stroller was here through the tough decade of the 1960s. I was here through President Kennedy's assas-

sination and the Vietnam War.

The Stroller was here on the night of April 28, 1951, when a propane tank exploded behind what is now known as Roberta Hall. Your Man was there to help the women evacuate the building and save some possessions, before going to work on getting interviews.

The Stroller was here in the decade of the 40s. I was mixed among dozens of wartime advertisements, and because of World War II, my space was limited. Rumors spread that I graduated, flunked out or got married, but I was back again for another year, and I reported those who came back in the fall wearing rings.

I wrote about the Royals triumph in the 1985 World Series and I wrote about Mr. Cooper in 1929, who ran to school in the mornings to get there more quickly, to keep from getting cold and to keep from getting tired.

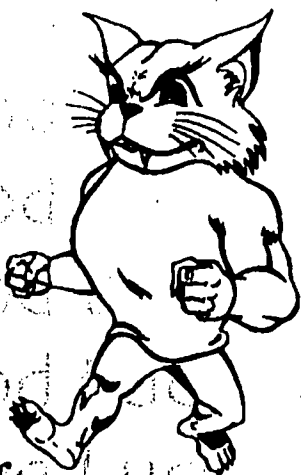
The Stroller has heard and seen things you wouldn't believe. I've been laughed at and ridiculed, and I've been laughed along with too. Your Man especially enjoys it when he can stroll through a building and hear a fellow Bearcat talking about or reading the column. Sometimes, I've created such a fuss that there have been a few attempts to have me removed. But each time, the student body has produced such a protest that I am able to appear again.

Your Man heard there is another attempt in progress to get my column removed by the end of the school year. It would be a sad day on this campus if the higher powers succeed in breaking one of the University's greatest traditions.

The Stroller hopes to be strolling this great and beautiful campus for another 80 years.

Have a memorable homecoming week, Bearcats, and know that the Stroller is watching.

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# Bars stock up for weekend parties

by Kimberly Mansfield

Missourian Reporter

Most students don't put much thought into where the alcohol they're drinking comes from, or worry if it's ever going to run out, especially during Homecoming. However, the alcohol providers in Maryville kept alcohol in the forefront of their minds when they thought of Homecoming.

When the subject of alcohol comes up, students are all ears. However, they never consider how much thought and time was put into making sure the tap never runs dry.

Bars in Maryville have seen to it that there will be plenty of liquid refreshments.

Lucky's owner Jason Growcock is well stocked for Homecoming.

"About a week before, we order about double the alcohol that we would for an ordinary week," Growcock said.

Molly's owner Joe Ackman believes in overstocking, especially in the few days before Homecoming.

"I order lots of alcohol," Ackman said. "I don't want to run out of anything."

Ackman explained why it was hard to know how much extra to order.

"How much of a crowd you get depends on a lot of things," Ackman said. "It's not easy to gauge against last year's books, because the circumstances are different every year."

Ackman said it was all a guessing game and the whole week was just hit and miss last year.

"I made about \$2,000 over a normal weekend last year," Ackman said. "For the whole week of Homecoming I had about a 25 percent increase over normal sales."

Trent Stringer, owner of The World Famous Outback, prepared for Homecoming in an efficient manner.

"We keep a tight staff," Stringer said. "Most of the employees are college students, but we all pretty much work straight through those 48 hours."

Brett White, owner of Murphy's and Cork 'n' Keg liquor store, knew he would get a lot of business over Homecoming weekend.

At Murphy's, White was stocking up on alcohol, but



**Molly's :** Thursday — 8-10 p.m., male strippers from Chicago; men allowed into Molly's after 10:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday — keg, \$1 all you can drink; Saturday — 7-10 a.m., The First Biscuits and Beer; drink specials all week.

**Lucky's :** Friday night — Ivory Sta will play; Saturday — 8 a.m., Bloody Mary's, screwdrivers, keg beer, barbecue pork all day; after the game, 2 Gallon Red will play; drink specials.

**Outback :** Saturday — 7 a.m., Kegs 'n' Eggs

## Bar Specials around the 'Ville



**Palm's:** Friday — 2 Gallon Red will perform during happy hour; Friday night — Rumor Has It will perform. Saturday night — The McKenziies will play; KDLX 106.7 live remote Friday night and all day Saturday.

**The Pub:** Saturday — open at 7 a.m., drink specials all day.

also on food.

"Because of the lack of places to eat, we may get some of the overflow," White said. "I just hope people will come check out the action on the east side of town."

"Sales on alcohol last Homecoming at Cork 'n' Keg were about 500 percent over the business of a normal week, last year on Saturday alone, 60 kegs went out, and that doesn't even count the other alcohol."

Local bar owners did have some special advice for those who were planning on drinking. It was agreed upon by all bar owners each drinker should either have a designated driver or should plan to walk home. Ackman also had a good piece of advice to offer.

"Drink correctly," Ackman said. "Pace yourself or you'll be passed out cold by noon, and what fun is that? Also, don't drink mixed drinks as fast as beer, and watch your mouth around the cops."

With all the special activities, drink specials and activities at the bar, it is clear Maryville is ready for another Homecoming. The weekend will surely be one to keep Maryville occupied for a while.

## Kegs 'n' Eggs, Biscuits and Beer prelude to Homecoming parade

by Ben Walker

Contributing Reporter

In celebration of Homecoming, local bars will get a head start on the festivities.

The World Famous Outback will have its ninth annual Kegs 'n' Eggs beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday. Customers can get all-you-can-eat breakfast served by Chris Cakes, for \$6 as well as specials on beer. It will last until the beginning of the parade. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$12.

Geography major Jill Maeder said

her past experiences at Kegs 'n' Eggs will take her back this year.

Molly's will have its first Biscuits and Beer. It will be from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday. For \$3 customers can get biscuits and gravy, provided by Papa's Restaurant, and beer. T-shirts are also available for \$12 from Molly's.

"This will be the first time for us, and we hope to have it every year from now on," said Kara Lemon, Papa's employee. "It just depends on how it goes."

Beginning at 6:30 a.m., The Palm's will have a \$1.06-a-plate breakfast.

**Student Senate  
welcomes alumni  
and friends to  
Northwest for  
Homecoming 1998.  
Go Bearcats!!**

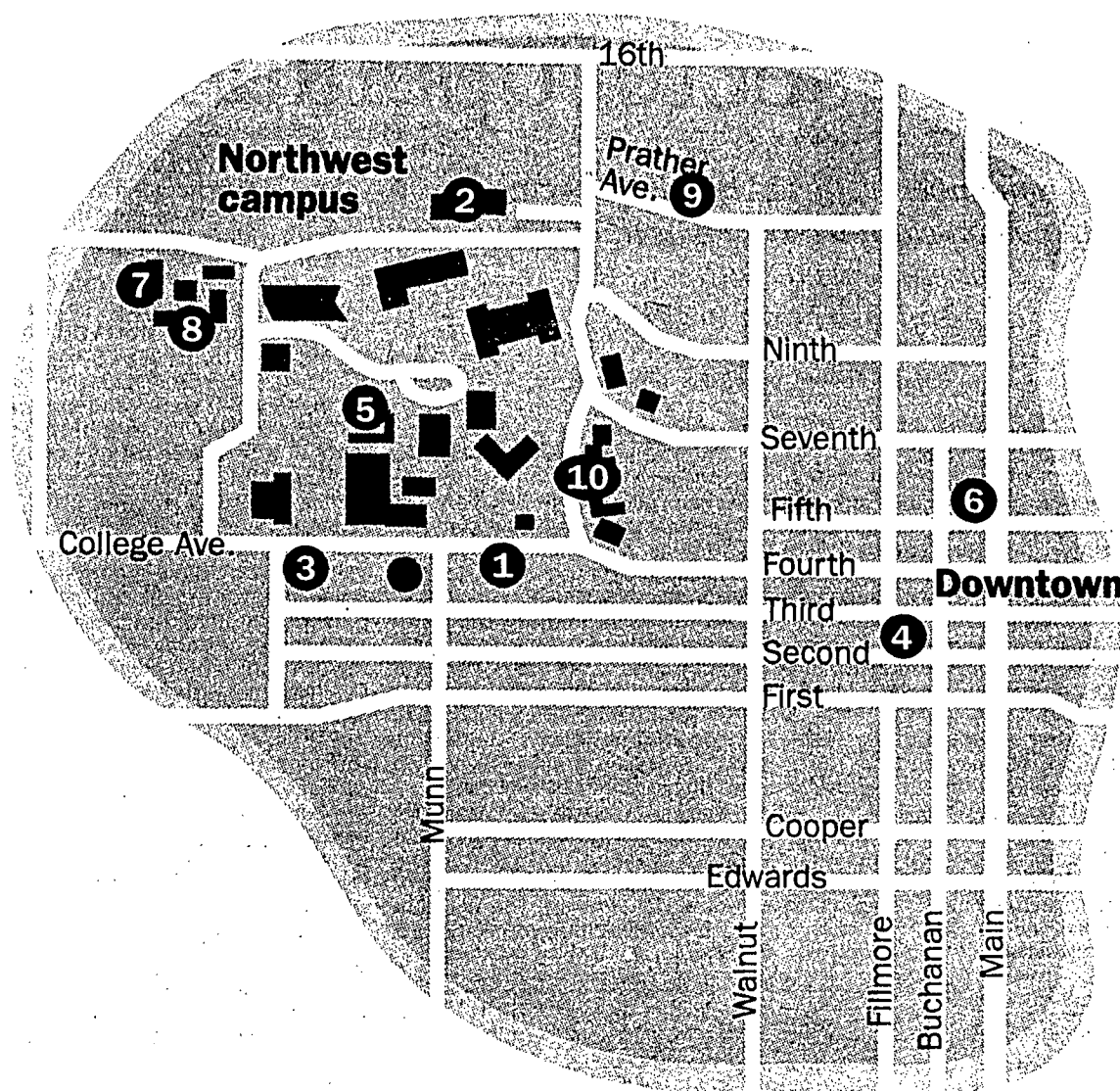


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Alumni and  
Friends to the  
City of  
Maryville.  
Good luck  
Bearcats.**





## Maryville all decked out



## House dec locations

A complete list of the organizations whereabouts of its house decs. The best time to view house decs will be during judging at 5 and 7 p.m. Friday.

1. International Student Organization, "Bobby Goes Around the World in 80 days," Lutheran Campus Center, 718 College Ave.

2. Alpha Tau Alpha, "Bobby Bearcat Visits Hazzard County," Alfred McKerny Agriculture Building

3. Phi Mu and Phi Sigma Kappa, "Batman," 940 College Ave.

4. Sigma Sigma Sigma and Delta Chi, "Bobby Sees the Sights," 219 W. Second St.

5. North Complex, "Hollywood Walk of Fame," In front of Douglas Hall

6. Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Alpha, "Ghostbusters," Corner of Fifth and Main St.



Greg Hetrick/Chief Photographer

Kevin Aldred (left) and Andrew Whitaker work day and night to finish the Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Sigma Alpha house dec. House decs go on display at 5 p.m. Friday.

7. Millikan Hall Council, "Bobby in Caddy with Paw Print Stars," The Tundra

8. Phillips, Franken and Dieterich Hall councils, "Baywatch," The Tundra

9. Sigma Tau Gamma, "Armageddon," 631 Prather Ave.

10. Perrin Hall, "Bobby Goes to the Oscars," In front of Perrin Hall

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ISO House Decoration

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Around the World  
in 80 Days"

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and in the Parade (Float)  
for the Homecoming.

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Revisiting the past

# Tradition started as top-secret operation

by Heather Butler  
Features Editor

As the bugle rang out, students grabbed their bags and walked out of their classrooms without any explanation. The startled professors watched in dismay as 208 students out of an enrollment of 300 walked past the presidents' residence chanting school songs, thus beginning the tradition of Walkout Day.

"I remember it started by a bugle being blown on campus," said President Emeritus Robert Foster. "That was the symbol for students to gather at the Administration Building."

October 22, 1915, was the day the tradition began. Two campus literary societies, the Eureka and Philomatheans, planned Walkout Day the night before it was to happen and members of the groups spread the word.

The plan was kept such a secret that none of the professors had any idea as to what was going to happen the next day.

Students went to their classes at 8 a.m. as usual and professors began their lectures. Students waited in anticipation, knowing the bugle

would soon be sounded.

As soon as the bugle had been blown and the students left their classrooms the faculty went straight to President Ira Richardson with news of the morning's events.

Richardson hurriedly ran to meet the students at the exit of the College grounds to reprimand them for leaving class.

The students only laughed at him and went on their way to Atherton's Woods, where they had planned to have a picnic.

As soon as the students reached Atherton's Woods they had a business meeting to decide how they were going to handle any situations that might arise.

They elected a president whom they called "John Doe," and a secretary, "Jane Doe." The actual names of these leaders were never told and to this day no one knows their identities. The students promised they would stand by their leaders in case of any suspensions.

There was also an "eats" committee appointed that went into town and bought 70 loaves of bread, 20 pounds of hot dogs, 3 gallons of pickles, 19 dozen doughnuts, 18 dozen cookies, 3 bushels of apples

and 20 gallons of cider.

A committee invited the faculty members to join the student body and many of them accepted the invitations. The president was also given a special invitation, but it was politely declined.

All seemed well to the students and no big problems had come about, until the students from the high school found out about the walkout.

The high school students then walked out of class, and the town newspapers headlined the stories, reflecting badly on the students.

The next morning the president was furious and called four men that he believed may have had a hand in the previous day's activities into his office.

*"I remember it started by a bugle being blown on campus. That was the symbol for students to gather at the Administration Building."*

Robert Foster, president emeritus

The president was soon calmed by the four men. A compromise was reached, allowing the students to have their Walkout Day every year as long as it was planned beforehand and the president was notified in advance.

As the years went by, the traditions of Walkout Day have changed. During the earlier years Walkout Day was planned by the senior class. The students were asked to chip in around 35 cents for the food, and the seniors would go to town and buy as much as they could.

In 1932, Walkout Day preparations fell into the hands of Student Senate and the College kitchen started providing the picnic lunch.

As time went on, the Walkout Day festivities changed even more.

No longer did the faculty and students get together for a large picnic lunch, but instead they had small picnics with only their groups and organizations.

"I remember when students used to leave town to celebrate Walkout Day," Foster said. "Students used to drive to St. Joe and Kansas City for fun. These traditions stopped when some students were killed in Platte City after hitting the side of a bridge at a high speed. I believe this had a lot to do with how the traditions of Walkout Day have changed."

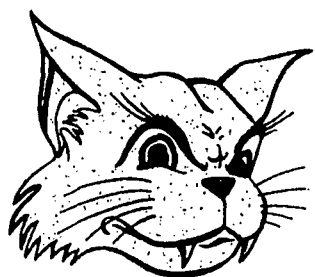
Now, in 1998, students' plans for Walkout Day have changed to an even greater extent. Lost are the days of lazy picnic lunches and football games or going on a trip with a favorite affiliation.

Students plans range from checking out drink specials at the local bars to spending those extra hours finishing up Homecoming floats and house decorations.

"Last year I slept in until noon," said Nick Newberry international business major. "Then I went to my fraternity house and worked on the house dec, and then started partying with my brothers."

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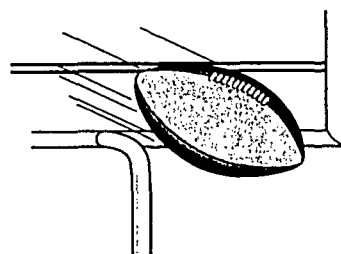
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## Bell of '48

# Senior gift rings true, now part of tradition

by Erica Smith

Editor in Chief

The class of 1948 left its mark on campus with its senior gift of a bronze bell.

According to the May 19, 1948, *Northwest Missourian*, the students purchased the gift hoping it would be used to announce special events, such as athletic contests, major entertainments and Walkout Day.

Part of these aspirations have become traditions over the years.

As the class had hoped, University President Dean Hubbard and Student Senate President Angel McAdams will ring the bell Friday morning to signify Walkout Day.

The Bell of '48, with a diameter of 28 inches and a depth of 21 inches, was rung for the first time at 7:45 a.m. Aug. 4, 1948.

A student committee was selected to purchase the bell, including Jack Garrett, chairman, John Henggeler, Bruce Mitchell, Gaylord Coleman and Manley Thomson. The men traveled to Carroll, Iowa, in early

May 1948 to purchase the bell.

The *Missourian* reported class dues of \$3 for each of the 124 seniors proved insufficient because of inability to collect from some of the members.

However, at the time of the article the committee was unconcerned about the lack of funds; it seems they had only begun collecting two months before.

According to Mike Johnson, director of alumni development, Garrett has made plans to return to Northwest for the class' Golden Anniversary.

Plans for Homecoming weekend for the returning members of the class of 1948 include having a picture taken in front of the bell.

The bell is located off the main sidewalk between the Bell Tower and the Administration Building.

Aside from announcing Walkout Day, the bell is also run to announce athletic victories and in memory of any member of the University community.

The bell is also rung to announce other events deemed important by Student Senate and the administration.

## Weekend allows for campaigning

by Jacob DiPietre

Special Assignments Reporter

While many students may see Homecoming as a chance to visit with old friends, there is a small group of people who see much more.

For the four candidates running for the Missouri Senate and House of Representatives, Homecoming is a great time to get out meet possible voters.

"A huge portion of the people in my district attended Northwest," Republican Sen. Sam Graves said. "And it makes it easier to see and shake hands and talk with just as many people as I can."

Beth Wheeler, Graves' Democratic opponent and former Northwest vice president of community relations, said she sees Homecoming as a chance to learn a lot about the people she is running for.

"It's a positive, upbeat, casual time where we're open and accessible and available, and people probably actually have time to talk with us and say, 'I know you are running, here is an issue that is important to me, are you aware of it?'" Wheeler said. "I learn a lot."

Bridget Brown, Maryville mayor and Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives, said along with being able to talk with people, Homecoming is a chance to get involved with the community.

"It's about community," Brown said. "So to have the opportunity, whether as a politician or a band member or someone working on a float or promoting some

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*So to have the opportunity, whether as a politician or a band member or someone working on a float or promoting some cause, you are taking part in the community and that's part of being an American.*

**Bridget Brown,**  
Maryville mayor and Democratic  
House of Representatives candidate

cause, you are taking part in the community and that's part of being an American."

While many politicians see Homecoming as a chance to meet the people, one candidate said at first it is harder than it looks.

"The first time, I felt so conspicuous," Republican Rep. Rex Barnett said. "I had never been in parades until I got into politics. Of course, as a state trooper for 32 years I led a few parades. It's a whole different thing though when you are walking and shaking hands and talking to people, than riding a horse or in the car."

All four candidates will be walking in the Homecoming parade.

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Northwest celebrates Weekly Wanderer's heritage,  
takes reminiscent stroll down memory lane.

# Stroller walks the walk 80 years

by Erica Smith  
Editor in Chief

Northwest students, faculty and administrators have been involved in a love-hate relationship for the past 80 years with a campus tradition: the Stroller.

"The purpose of the Stroller has remained the same in the last 80 years: to be the pulse of the student body, to observe from a student's viewpoint what's going on around campus, in human nature, on events and situations and on experiences as a college student," said Laura Widmer, *The Northwest Missourian* adviser.

And, somehow in his wanderings, the Stroller has succeeded.

"I read it every week," said Outreach Coordinator Arnold Lindaman. "It's a personal glimpse of campus life. And, I think, it's delightfully towerpoint in some administrative decisions."

The path the Stroller has taken has had its share of rough terrain, though.

"It's a love-hate relationship," said Jason Klindt, spring 1998 Stroller. "Everyone hates reading about themselves but loves to read about others and see what's going on."

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Laura Widmer,  
Northwest Missourian adviser

## A walk through history

It all started Jan. 8, 1918, with a headline in *The Green and White Courier* reading "The Stroller has come." Since that time, the mysterious campus tradition has walked through the history of Northwest, offering tidbits of wisdom and words of advice to his loyal followers.

At the time of the Stroller's birth, Ira Richardson was the president of what was then the Northwest Missouri State Teachers College.

Richardson had seen the births of *The Green and White Courier* Nov. 4, 1914, and *Tower* yearbook June 6, 1917. He had survived the first Walk-out Day, a secret the students kept from the teachers and administrators.

The Administration Building and the Gaunt House were the only buildings on campus. The school colors had been changed from red and white to green and white only eight years earlier, and the athletic teams were just becoming accustomed to being called Bearcats.

But the Stroller was not the first anonymous columnist at Northwest. He was prefaced by The Office Cat and The Lady in the Upstairs Window.

The Office Cat appeared for the first time Wednesday, July 4, 1917.

"I am the office cat," she said. "I live in the *Courier* staff room; I awaken from my disturbed slumbers to voice my sentiments concerning some facts connected with the state educational institution of Northwest Missouri."

A jealousy arose between The Office Cat and The Lady in the Upstairs Window, another anonymous figure but with greater seniority than The Cat, who was able to look out on the campus and report on it.

The Oct. 12, 1928, Stroller described both of his predecessors:

"Once upon a time when skirts were long and hair was unbobbed there lived in Maryville a lady whose identity was unknown. Everybody called her merely The Lady in the Upstairs Window. Nobody knew exactly where the window was, though it seemed to look out on everything — or at least the lady seemed to see everything that happened. Later there came into town a creature of slinking habits known to one

and all as The Office Cat. The Cat had a way of finding out every secret and, like all catty creatures, talked a great deal. By and by another campus character made her — or was it his — appearance and lived for several years among the students of the College, strolling in and out and picking up odd bits of extracurricular gossip and whatnot and telling what he knew when the occasion presented itself."

## Strollin' through the years

After 80 years, the Stroller is one of the oldest ongoing traditions at Northwest.

But the Stroller has not always been welcomed. The first attempt to rid the Stroller of his column came in the fall of 1922.

According to "Behind the Birches" by Mattie M. Dykes, a new faculty adviser who did not realize the importance of the Stroller and a new editor who wished to try something different omitted the column.

In the Stroller's place, they substituted "Spice O' Life," a borrowed-joke column, and "Deer Maw and Paw," a column on what a son found college to be like.

By Oct. 25 the Stroller was back with this explanation for his absence: "The Stroller didn't intend to come to college this year, but when he heard the uproar his absence caused, he dropped everything and took the first train for Maryville... and took up his old job of walking the corridors and running the school generally."

*The Green and White Courier* changed its name to *The Northwest Missourian* Sept. 27, 1926. The Stroller continued to wander through the pages of the paper. He was briefly joined by the Snooper, a "second cousin to the Stroller," April 5, 1932. It is unknown what happened to the Snooper.

The Stroller left the newspaper staff again in 1939. A finger-paint artist was giving a demonstration in an assembly and showing the work children had done. One of the pictures painted by a young child, a face in profile with two eyes and two ears on the same side of the face and a few hairs sticking straight up on the creature's head, prompted comments from the seniors.

The Stroller evidently overheard one senior ask another, "What is that?" and the other responded, "Looks like a Sigma Tau to me." The Stroller shared the joke in his column that week.

The Sigma Taus descended upon the *Missourian* editor, demanding to know who wrote the Stroller. As tradition dictates, the editor refused to give the name of the writer, saying instead, "The Stroller." The fraternity sponsor received the same answer from the adviser of the paper.

Against the advice of the adviser, the intimidated editor published an article of his own in place of the Stroller's column: "Recently there arose such a clamor over a story printed in the Stroller column that it proved embarrassing to the editorial staff and made it appear that such a column is degrading to the dignity of the paper." The editor also asked for student's opinions.

The next week the Stroller column contained a four verse epitaph. The Stroller added a footnote to the poem: "This is the epitaph one of the Stroller's enemies sent in. Is it prophetic? Shall the Stroller turn up his toes?"

Several protests against removing the Stroller came into the *Missourian*. The Student Council contacted the adviser, thinking it was his doing to remove the column, and demanded the Stroller be returned. The adviser reported the complaints to the editor. The Stroller returned to the newspaper the next week, resuming his strolling.

Other attempts have been made

*The Stroller is not just half-baked ideas or nonresearched. It's proved the test of time and it's pretty close to the pulse of campus. Maybe not 100 percent, but pretty close to the pulse of campus. He's had a good test over the years.*

John Jasinski,  
assistant provost and mass communication chairman

to remove the Stroller and cease the tradition without success. Greek organizations seem to be among the most vocal, although ironically there seem to be more complaints during periods when the Stroller is — unknown to his peers — Greek.

"It's easy to target those within our own Greek system," said Klindt, a Tau Kappa Epsilon member. "It's hard to make fun of ISO or the accounting society. Plus it's people we interact with on a regular basis. It's a fun thing to do. We don't take each other too serious. Also, Greek's are so visible. It's another thing everyone can identify with."

The Stroller's sense of humor has struck close to home among administrators as well.

"Juvenile was the word I remember being tossed around when I was the Stroller," 1976-77 Stroller Marli Murphy said. "I don't think I dignified it with a response. If it's done right, the spirit of the Stroller isn't juvenile at all. It's more of a slice of life at Northwest. If the Stroller points some fingers, maybe they need to be pointed."

## All walks of life

Strollers have come from various backgrounds and have gone on to accomplish many things, but they consider being the anonymous wanderer an honor.

"I was one of about 80 or 90 people to be the Stroller," Klindt said. "It's fun to watch people pick up the paper and read your column and laugh and not know it's you."

However, finding humorous material to write about can be challenging.

"I just did a lot of listening to what the students were talking about and how people handled situations," 1977-78 Stroller Widmer said. "The Stroller has remained basically the same the past 80 years. It is the pulse of the student body and gives observations from a student's viewpoint."

Sometimes situations present themselves.

"We had a new president when I was writing, so that was fresh fodder for the Stroller," 1978-79 Stroller Bob Farris said. "I was written up in the dorms when I was the Stroller, too. So I wrote about that for weeks — throughout the whole Res. Life process."

Some become addicted to the

rush of being the Stroller and go on to pursue careers as columnists.

"It was like writing a column basically," Murphy said. "That was probably the beginning of my career as a columnist. Since then I've written a column every week for the past 21 years. For the last five years I've had a Sunday column in the *Kansas City Star*."

But with each situation and column, readers had the opportunity to learn more about each Stroller.

"The Strollers revealed themselves in what they wrote," said Darryl Wilkinson, 1975-76 *Missourian* editor in chief. "The people are the most memorable. They labored with it until an idea would pop up and then zap, it was done. It takes a special breed of 'Cat.'"

## A stroll down memory lane

"The most memorable Stroller was when the Administration Building burned," Widmer said. "It was very emotional and a very eloquently written piece. It kind of put two traditions together — what the Administration Building stood for and what the Stroller stood for at the University."

According to "Towers in the Northwest" by Virgil and Dolores Albertini, the 1979 Administration Building blaze destroyed 60 percent of the building.

Other memorable Stroller columns result from issues rather than events.

Mike Johnson, director of alumni relations, said one of the most memorable Strollers came out after a column written by assistant English professor Greg Roper Feb. 5.

Roper's column called for Northwest Greek organizations to sign Select 2000, a nationwide plan to make all fraternity and sorority houses alcohol-free by 2000.

The Stroller — a fraternity member — responded to Roper's column the next week.

"It was an attack on Greeks in response to Greg Roper's editorial," Johnson said.

The two columns also resulted in a great deal of feedback from students and faculty members.

"The Stroller is a true voice that's not afraid to be tough and discuss subjects," Johnson said. "He causes



# 100-year-old alumna leads Homecoming parade

by Laurie Den Ouden

Features Editor

A century of living and still going strong, Northwest alumna Ina Wachtel will be 101 years old this month.

"If I live 11 days beyond Saturday, I'll be 101," she said.

Wachtel will not only attend the Homecoming parade but will be the grand marshal representing Pi Omega Pi and the Northwest community.

She graduated from Northwest in 1927 with a bachelor's degree in education and also helped establish the Beta chapter of Pi Omega Pi, a business education honor society. She later went on to receive her master's degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Wachtel taught for four years at Missouri Wesleyan College in Cameron before she decided to go to college herself.

"When I got there and saw what a college education meant, I was determined that I was gonna get a degree, somehow," she said.

It took her seven years to go through school, because she was still teaching and only attended summer school, extension courses and sometimes weekend classes to earn her credits. In 1926, she added up her hours and decided that if she went to school for one whole year she would have enough credits to graduate.

"It was a long drawn-out process, but I got the degree," she said.

This year is the 75th anniversary of Pi Omega Pi, and suitably, as one of the first presidents of the organization, Wachtel will be returning for the reunion during Homecoming, as well. Wachtel has also been active not

only in teaching, but the Savannah community church activities and other volunteer work. She taught commercial subjects, such as shorthand and typing, for 48 years, volunteered in church choirs, taught Sunday school classes and was a member of the church board.

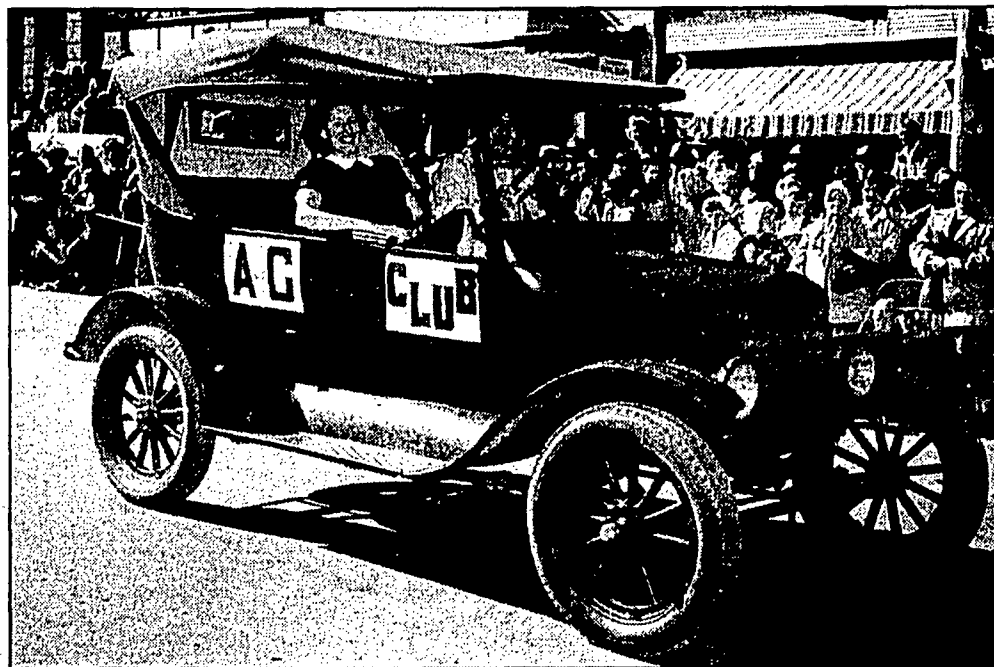
Wachtel has received many honors and awards throughout her life. In 1968, she was chosen "The Woman of the Year" by the local Business and Professional Women's Club. The Savannah Sertoma Club awarded her with a "Service to Mankind" honor in 1975. The state of Missouri also presented her with the "Volunteer of the Year" award in 1980. She has also received "Queen of the Nursing Homes" in Missouri and was one of six retired teachers chosen as a "Pioneer Teacher" by the State Department of Education.

Wachtel said she has always had an interest in people, which allowed her to really enjoy teaching.

"I like people," she said. "I like to work with people. You get a lot of people that haven't ever done anything with other people. They just cleaned house or raised a family, and that was about all they did. So they don't know how to work with other people. And I think that's the thing that makes life worth living."

During one of her semesters at Northwest, she recalled an incident between a former education teacher, Fred Keller, and the president of the University, Uel Lamkin. As she remembers it, there were some conflicts between the two and from the conclusions the students drew, there was some jealousy between Lamkin and Keller.

Laughing, she fondly recalled the incident.



Bob Bush, current vice president for community initiatives, and Monica Zurflce, former secretary to University President Emeritus J.W. Jones, ride in the 1956 Homecoming parade. Grand Marshal Ina Wachtel will ride in the same Model T for the 1998 Homecoming parade.

Photo courtesy of Mike Johnson

"President Lamkin had the big sum of 20 college hours, and Lamkin was jealous of Dr. Keller, I mean to no end, she said."

They eventually got into what she described as a "trial of Keller by the Board of Regents." She said that semester of school "wasn't worth much to anyone," because the students were too enthralled with getting the newest information.

Finally, the administration decided to have an assembly that she thinks might have been to "enlighten" the students about what was going on.

That morning she was asked to take notes in shorthand at the assembly.

One of her teachers asked her to help take down every word said in the assembly because she was out of practice at shorthand and her speed was not good.

They were both nervous and out of practice, but they figured that between the two of them they could do it. Neither one of them so much as wrote down one word.

The Student Senate president made a few opening remarks and introduced the president and Keller, she said.

"Then Mr. Lamkin got up and said, 'You are dismissed,' so I didn't have to take down a word," Wachtel said.

The audience was at a loss and sat

there for a few minutes stunned.

"He was not going to let Dr. Keller talk," she said. "I think it was plain unadulterated jealousy."

To her recollection, Wachtel believes Keller finished out the year and then resigned, but said that is one thing she will always remember.

Wachtel hasn't ever thought much about the years she'd lived through, and just how many she had accumulated.

"I just lived a day at a time," she said. "Never thinking that it was going to add up, you see, as I went, never thinking that it would be going on this long. So, I just lived a day at a time."

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*Since he was a young child, emphasis has been placed on family. That has carried over into his life today. He keeps past Northwest "family" members connected with one another, and his own family bond is stronger than ever.*

## Keeping the family together

by Joni Jones  
Managing Editor

Reuniting people is his job. Sharing people's experiences and emotions makes each day special to him.

Family is his driving force.

These things make Mike Johnson's career and life unique.

As director of alumni development, Mike plays a vital role in Homecoming.

The main objective of his job is to reconnect people with their alma mater, and their alma mater just happens to be his too.

Mike attended Northwest in pursuit of a broadcasting degree which he received in 1985. He worked for Residential Life, was a residential assistant in Phillips Hall, head RA in South Complex and a two-year member of Celebration while at Northwest.

"I chose to attend Northwest mainly because of its cost," Johnson said. "And, I followed my sister. I had considered Iowa State University, but it was too big and had such an impersonal atmosphere. I liked the people at Northwest, and it offered me a wonderful education."

Attending college taught Mike many things.

"It taught me not only true friendship but lasting friendship," Johnson said. "It introduced me to my wife."

Mike and his wife, Kenna, Upward Bound director, met through mutual friends while attending Northwest and have been married 13 years.

He describes the meeting as his fondest memory of college.

"We were friends first," he said. "We all went out as a group and built a strong friendship from that. I was supposed to be set up with her roommate, but that never worked out. For that, I am very lucky and fortunate."

Kenna, a year older, remembers the meeting fondly as well.

"His sister was my RA," she said. "He was a freshman when we met, and my first impression was that he was an upbeat, positive, nice guy. But, I thought he was unattainable for me."

Her opinion changed, and two

months later, they had their first date. They were married in 1985.

Through their union, came Mike's two most prized possessions — his daughters.

"Kenna and I have two daughters, Michaela, who is 5, and Chloe, who is 2," he said. "I'm proud of a lot of things, but they could all go away today, and I'd still be happy as long as I had my wife and kids."

Family is strongly emphasized in the Johnson family.

"Family is everything," Kenna said. "They (the girls) are everything to us. We do everything for them."

Mike's strong family ties stem from the love his parents have always given him.

"My parents were my role models growing up," he

said. "They were always positive influences. I had sports heroes certainly, but nobody was a role model like they were."

Fond memories of family togetherness go way back for Mike.

"We were a very musically inclined family," he said. "We used to perform at churches, civic organizations, that type of thing. We were known as the 'Johnson Family Singers' and were known for our singing dog. I was five and played a red ukulele."

That experience on stage prompted him to pursue a broadcasting degree.

When he graduated in 1985, Mike took the position of operations manager at KXCV.

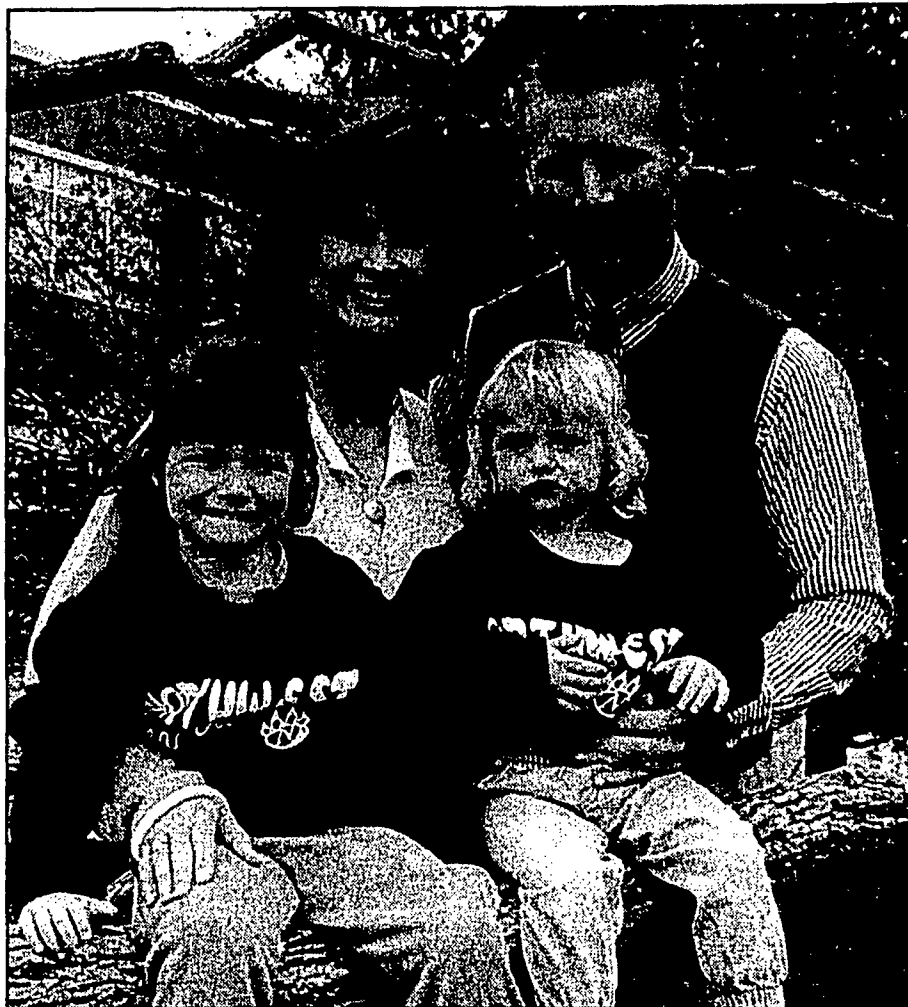
In 1995, he began his current position.

Those who work with Mike believe he brings many qualities to alumni relations.

"He's such a great guy," said Chuck Veatch, vice president for University advancement. "He brings a lot to the table in a combination of things. His enthusiasm, personality and skills make him special. People tend to react to his energy."

There are several benefits to his job. Mike is now involved with an alumni traveling program, called the "Traveling Bearcats."

Last year was his first year with the group. They went to Australia,



Kenna and Mike Johnson enjoy spending time with their daughters, Michaela, 5, and Chloe, 2. With hectic schedules, quality family time is one of their top priorities.

Jason Klindt, public relations major, and Mike Johnson hang a banner on the balcony of the Alumni House on Fourth Street in preparation to welcome alumni for the Homecoming festivities this weekend.

Jennifer Meyer/  
Photography Director

New Zealand and Fiji.

This year, Mike and his wife went to Alaska with the group.

"Kenna and I went as alumni hosts and spent 12 days there," he said. "It's a perk, but there is still work that comes with it. We are there to oversee the trips and put people at ease."

In addition to the perks, the real reason Mike has stayed at Northwest, is the people.

"There are people who are truly dedicated to the goodness of society," he said. "They truly care about one another. They aren't afraid to show that. They aren't putting up facades. They want to see others succeed, and they let that happen."

Because alumni are an important part of Homecoming,

Mike has several goals for Homecoming this year.

"I want to see as many people back, enjoying one another's company and the variety of activities we are offering," he said. "It would also be great if a number of new people could come back."

He believes Homecoming is



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special for several reasons.

"It's always had such a strong student involvement," he said. "The parade, Variety Show and football game, all combined with the size of the community, school and its alumni, make for a really good balance for what I call the Fall Festival."

Mike sees many Homecomings in his future, and at 35, he has al-

ready set some of his life goals.

"I want to come in contact with as many individuals who I can positively motivate and influence," he said. "I would love to someday leave money, via scholarships, that would allow someone to advance their education and be able to make a difference in their lives and society. That would be the ultimate."

## Bearcat defense needs to improve

by Colln McDonough

Contributing Reporter

The Bearcat football team is in need of some medicine to right some wrongs and establish themselves as one of the nation's elite football teams.

The medicine of choice will be the University of Missouri-Rolla this Saturday at Homecoming.

It's too bad a dose of Rolla will not be able to heal the Bearcat's injury woes.

The walking wounded continues to mount with the recent losses of Brian Sutton and David Carlson, the starting secondary. The good part about the Bearcat situation is that Rolla will not have enough time to pass the ball before their quarterback hits the ground.

Although the Bearcats are 5-0 and ranked No. 4 in the nation, they have not played an entire game like a nationally-ranked ball club.

It's time to let it all hang out and make this Rolla team look like fools. Rolla has been ranked as one of the two worst teams in the MIAA for the past four years. Saturday the 'Cats should make them look like the worst team in Division II football as well.

At this point, a 63-0 rout would make a statement to the rest of the MIAA, and the nation, that Northwest can really play some defense.

In recent weeks against Washburn University and Missouri Western, the Bearcat fans have not seen a total defensive effort. Opponents have been scoring easily in the fourth quarter without much of a fight.

I want to see a determined Northwest team on Saturday, a team that will not be happy with your typical 41-13 rout. The Bearcats need a game where they just embarrass their opponents. There is no way the 'Cats will ever fall back into the cellar like they were in 1994.

So sending a message and an embarrassing defeat would not get the 'Cats in too much trouble from the Miners, because I don't see the Miners winning another game against the 'Cats until well into the next century.

This game will get ugly early and often. I just hope head coach Mel Tjeerdsma does not have any pity for the Miners on Saturday.

The 'Cats need a game where they destroy a team and if there was ever a perfect time for this to happen, it's for Homecoming Saturday.

## NW v. UMR



### A tale of two seasons

Per Game	Northwest	Missouri-Rolla
Points	47.4	8.2
Points allowed	20.4	26.8
Total offense	500.4	197.4
Rushing offense	183.8	118.2
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Total defense	322.6	296.6
Rushing defense	137.4	180.2
Passing	185.2	116.4
Time of possession	29:39	30:31
3rd-down-con.	33/65 (51%)	24/77 (31%)
4th-down-con.	3/8 (38%)	5/11 (45%)
Field goals	4-5 (80%)	F2-3 (67%)

Top passer: **Chris Grelsen 134-83-7, 61.9 comp. pct., 13 TDs**

Matt Brueckner 87-34-4, 39.1 comp. pct., 0 TDs

Top rusher: **Derek Lane 59-375, 75 ypg, 5 TDs**

Matt Brueckner 95-242, 48.4 ypg, 1 TD

Top receiver: **Tony Miles 22-476, 95.2 ypg, 5 TDs**

Ed Starks 13-123, 24.6 ypg, 0 TD

Top Tackler: **Aaron Crowe 32 total tackles, 5TFL, 2 sacks**

Dean DeSherlia 42 total tackles, 7 TFL, 1 BK

## Rolla columnist predicts outcome

by Bradley Neuville

Sports Editor, Missouri Miner

In what could be considered one of the biggest mismatches of the year, the No. 4 ranked team in the nation, Northwest Missouri State, with its vaunted offense will play host to 0-5 University of Missouri-Rolla in the Bearcats' Homecoming this weekend.

So far this year, the Bearcats have displayed awesome offensive power, raking up an average of over 50 points per game. The defense has not been too shabby either, allowing its opponents to score only in the teens. The result: a juggernaut of football power.

On the other hand, the Miners have been able to muster only 41 points in their first five games while allowing 134. The result: an 0-5 team searching for its identity.

The Miners have little, if anything going right for them. The offense is struggling mightily to put points on the board. In three of their first five games, the Miners lead in time of possession.

So what is missing? Simply put, execution. The Miners have had mounds of trouble once they cross midfield. Penalties, missed blocks and good defenses have all contributed to a low point total, despite a decent degree of offensive numbers.

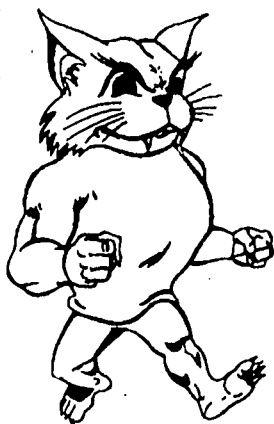
Look for the early part of the game, say the first two or three offensive possessions, to set the tone for the Miner offense. If it has success early, the team's confidence should build and execution should follow. If it gets off to a poor start, look for it to be a long day.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Miners have had trouble stopping opponents whom either outsize or outrun them. I expect the Bearcat offense to go after the Miner defense right away. Again, look for the early part of the game to set the tone. If the Miners are able to fend off a drive or two early on, they should have at least a respectable day against one of the country's top offenses.

All in all, Northwest has a huge edge. The 'Cats are a better team and will be playing at home on Homecoming weekend in front of thousands of screaming fans. If the Miners can get off to a good start, the game should remain close, at least for a while.

Under this scenario, I see the Bearcats as a 14 to 17 point favorite. However, if this does not happen, the game could quickly get out of hand. Either way, a victory over the Bearcats would be a monumental upset for UMR.

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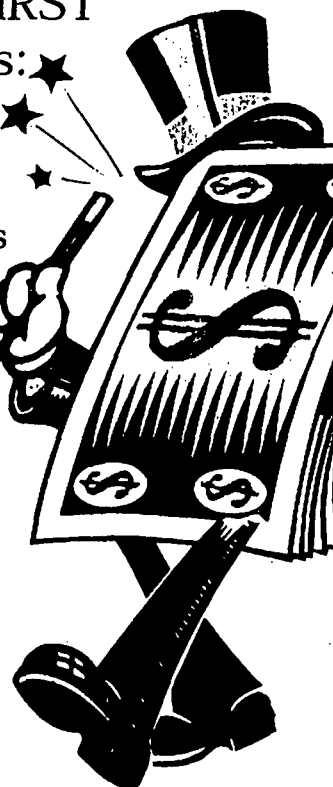
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# Players reflect:

by Colln McDonough  
Contributing Reporter

What was once the shining star of Homecoming is becoming a dimmer light as years pass.

As goals go for the Northwest football team, winning the Homecoming game is not as high on the list as it once was.

The players and coaches think it's important to win the Homecoming game, but winning the conference and national championships are higher goals they want to attain, head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

"In the past, when the team won the Homecoming game, but then won only two or three games, the season was still considered a successful year," Tjeerdsma said. "But now, if we win Homecoming and lose two or three games the rest of the year, this year would not be considered good. It just shows how the program has changed."

Tjeerdsma said he does not want people to think the game is not important just because there is more emphasis elsewhere.

"Homecoming is a real important event here at Northwest," Tjeerdsma said. "The players' role is to prepare for that game and

play well in that game. For the fraternities and sororities, the other stuff is for them."

Senior quarterback Chris Greisen said the Homecoming game has taken a backseat to the other meanings of the event-filled weekend.

"It's just one of the ways to get people to come back," Greisen said. "The celebrations and stuff are for the fraternities, sororities and other organizations. The game is really just another game, it's no bigger than any other game. It's just on the road to Florence."

Senior guard Sherman Wilderness said the excitement concerning the weekend is really not that big of a factor for the team.

"Homecoming is more of a town thing with the parade and all the parties," Wilderness said. "Football is just a part of it. It gives people something to do on Saturday."

Wilderness said the game is not high on the Bearcat's achievement list.

The Homecoming game is not as big a factor as it used to be, junior defensive end Adam Horn said.

"Anymore, it's not as big and I don't really know why for sure,"

*Homecoming victory no longer highest goal for 'Cats; winning conference, national championships is priority*



Offensive line coach Bart Tatum (right center) diagrams plays for Jay Eilers, No. 68, and Mark Maus, No. 82, and other offensive line players at Saturday evening's game against the Washburn Ichabods.

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Director

Horn said. "I remember growing up that the whole town would get into it, but now it's just another game. We're expected to win and people come to expect us to win. Anything less would be like a let-down."

Homecoming is important for the alumni and fans of the Bearcats, and that's the main emphasis of many of the players.

"You get to see a lot of people and you get to see people inducted into the M-Club Hall of

Fame," senior center Steve Coppinger said. "You want to play well for the fans because they are so excited. Sometimes they are just as excited or more excited than we are."

Senior cornerback Twan Young said a full stadium also plays a factor on game day.

"It's always exciting at Homecoming because you know you'll be playing in front of a good-sized crowd," Young said. "We want to go out and give them something

to cheer about."

The Homecoming game offers a chance for the players to earn the Don Black Memorial Trophy. It is handed out to the most outstanding Bearcat in the game, as voted upon by the media.

"Homecoming always brings a great big crowd and it brings out everyone," senior running back Derek Lane said. "It creates a little more excitement for Homecoming with the awards after the game."

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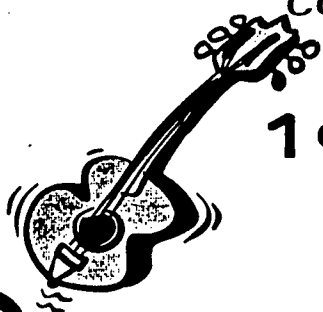
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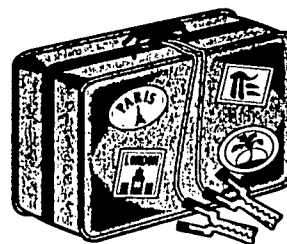
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# Back for an encore reunion

by Laurie Den Ouden  
Features Editor

The class of 1948 will celebrate its Golden Anniversary Friday morning at the Alumni House.

They will begin at the Alumni House for a reception. They will also revisit the Bell of '48, which was their class gift, and take a group picture.

Approximately 40 people from the class are expected. However, hundreds and possibly thousands of alumni from all classes will return for the Homecoming celebrations.

This will book hotels in not only Maryville, but Clarinda, St. Joseph and other area towns up to a year in advance.

"In the past, there have been 600 to 700 former students returning," said Mike Johnson, director of alumni development.

The Alumni House is looking forward to the weekend to see alumni gather and participate in the Homecoming activities.

"It's a tradition, if no other time, when alumni can get together," Johnson said. "It's a tradition that involves so many people."

There will be an alumni luncheon at the Maryville Country Club, as well as a golf outing at Mozingo Golf Course, with a shotgun start at noon, both on Friday.

Many events will be taking place throughout that former students can attend, including a bus tour around both campus and community, the International Plaza Dedication Ceremony at 2 p.m. and the Variety Show at 7:30 p.m.

The M-Club Banquet will be held Friday at 6 p.m. in Bearcat Arena. Three former Northwest alumni ath-



File photo

The Alpha Sigma Alpha ride in the 1948 Homecoming parade in style. This is the Golden Anniversary for the class of '48. The Alumni Association has planned several activities for the class throughout Homecoming weekend.

letes will be inducted into the Northwest Hall of Fame. Following the banquet, there will be a Hall of Fame Hospitality banquet at the Alumni House.

Saturday morning, the Presidential Society, which consists of the Northwest Foundation donors who have donated \$1,000 or more, and Pi Omega Pi business educational honor society, will view the parade from the Alumni House balcony starting at 9:30 a.m.

The Alumni House will also be showing a promotion video Saturday morning discussing the Touring Bearcats next trip, which will be to England, Scotland and Wales in July 1999, on Saturday morning.

Before the Northwest football game at 2 p.m., the Alumni House will have a barbecue on the back lawn at

11 a.m. for anyone.

Saturday evening there will also be a high school reunion/banquet for those who attended Horace Mann College High in the Conference Center at 6 p.m.

Homecoming is an exciting time for the Alumni House, because it allows them to both visit with former students and watch others speak to old friends, Johnson said.

"It is a time to see so many reconnect with classmates or their alma mater," he said.

Johnson also said the alumni look forward to coming back to a familiar yet distant past.

"They have an opportunity to see campus as they remember it when they were students, and at the same time, to see the progress taking place," he said.

## M-Club will induct 5

The M-Club Hall of Fame will induct three individuals and two teams into membership during ceremonies held at its traditional banquet and enshrinement ceremonies. It will be at 6 p.m. Friday in the Conference Center.

Following the banquet there will be a hospitality hour at the Alumni House.

Ann Kimm-Valdez, class of '77, currently resides in Canyon Lake, Texas. She was a four-year track and cross country letterwinner. She was the individual champion for the Bearcats and led the cross country team to three Missouri MIAAW championships in '74, '75 and '76. She was 10th in the nation in '74 and 26th in '76 at the AIAW National Cross Country Championships, while leading the Bearcats to eighth and 11th place finishes. As an intermediate hurdler in track, she was the MIAAW champion in '75 and finished eighth at the AIAW Nationals in both '75 and '76.

Phil White, class of '75, Shawnee, Kan., was a star player on the Bearcat tennis team, which won MIAA titles in '71, '72, '73 and '74. Those same years, the Northwest men's tennis team was ranked 9th, 8th, 5th, and 6th, respectively in the nation. White currently holds the Northwest record for the most singles wins in a season (26), and the most career doubles wins (84). He is also a seven-time MIAA champion, which, combined, are the most singles and doubles titles ever won by a Bearcat. He was named a Division II All-American performer as a doubles player in 1973.

Stan Zeamer, class of '70, has

been an educator and coach and is currently president/owner of Utility/Keystone Trailer Sales in Lancaster, Pa. He is one of the most prolific wrestlers in Northwest history. He was a two-time All-American performer in '69 and '70. Zeamer was also the NCAA Division II National Champion, at 134 pounds, in 1970. He is one of only two Bearcat wrestlers ever to have won a national title. A three-time MIAA champion and one time runner-up, Zeamer compiled a 102-16-4 record and was named the team's outstanding wrestler in both '69 and '70.

The 1974 football team, coached by Gladden Dye, won its first outright MIAA title for the Bearcats since 1939. Four of that season's games were decided in the 'Cats' favor in the final minute of play. Defensive back Randy Baehr was named the MVP in the MIAA as well as being first-team All-MIAA that year. During the '74 season, Claude Arnick set a Northwest single-game rushing record with 290 yards against the University of Missouri-Rolla.

The 1983-'84 men's basketball squad was one of the most successful in the history of Northwest. It produced more wins than any Bearcat squad since 1932 and achieved the highest national ranking in school history at No. 3. The squad lost 78-75 to Jackson State in the NCAA Regional Semifinals. Both Victor Coleman and Joe Hurst were named first-team All-MIAA.

During the M-Club's 18 years of existence, 48 individuals and 20 teams have been inducted.

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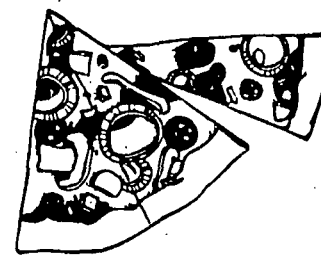








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## 1998 Homecoming Game

## 'Cats ready to roll past Rolla in mismatch

by Colin McDonough  
Contributing Reporter

It should be a total mismatch. Northwest is ranked No. 4 in the nation and has an unblemished 5-0 record, while University of Missouri-Rolla comes in with a less than spectacular 0-5 mark.

But it's the MIAA season and teams cannot be overlooked. Take for instance last Saturday's Bearcat triumph over Washburn, 38-31.

Washburn came in with a mark of 2-2, but had not looked impressive in any of their games.

The end result: a late fourth quarter spurt from the Ichabods, and they were back in the game. The team even had the ball in its hands with less than a minute of play left before the Bearcats squashed any hopes.

The Bearcats and Miners will do battle at 2 p.m. Saturday in Rickenbrode Stadium for the Homecoming festivities.

Senior center Steve Coppinger said the Miners will be ready to play.

"It's hard to know what to expect from them," Coppinger said. "They know we're ranked fourth in the nation and they know the odds of them winning is not the best. But they will come and play hard."

Head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said even though the Miners may not have the record to compete, they have the heart and dedication.

"They are limited athletically, but what they don't have athletically they make up for in attitude and smarts," Tjeerdsma said. "Fundamentally,



Sophomore Dave Jansen, No. 29, leans into the pack on defenders as he tries to make his way toward the Washburn endzone Saturday. The Ichabods posed quite a

challenge for the Bearcats, but the 'Cats were able to keep their record free of a tally in the loss column. The final score was 38-31.

Jennifer Meyer/Photography Director

they are real sound and they really get after you. They play real hard."

The key to the game lies in the Bearcats not looking ahead or past the Miners because of their record, Tjeerdsma said.

"All we need to do is play our game," Tjeerdsma said. "We need to eliminate the bad plays. When you have a team third and long you can't let them off the hook. We've got to

close the deal."

Junior defensive end Adam Horn said the defense will need to give its total effort for Homecoming.

"We need to play 60 minutes on defense," Horn said. "We know they are not as talented so we've got to challenge ourselves as a defense to not let up the big plays late in the game."

Defensively, the Bearcats will

show a different look with the injuries mounting.

Senior Daniel Keys and junior Greg Wayne will man the safety positions, while Twan Young and Charlie Pugh will handle the corner spots. Tjeerdsma said to look for Johnny Jeffrey, Clinton Hurd and B.J. Sobczyk, who will play reserve roles on the corners, while Phillip Seemann and Tony Str will help at the safety spots.

## Walking wounded



The following players were out with injuries as of Tuesday

■ David Carlson, strong safety — strained MCL, out Saturday

■ Brian Sutton, safety — strained MCL, out Saturday

■ Alan Buckwalter, defensive end — strained rotator cuff, out Saturday

■ Andy Erpelding, tackle — deep bone bruise, may play Saturday

■ Steve Comer, tight end — damaged cartilage, out Saturday

■ Wayland Vacek, linebacker — cartilage surgery, out for season

■ Kaba Abdullah, B back — torn ACL, out for season

■ Matt Felton, linebacker — compressed vertebrae, should play Saturday

■ Kurtis Stewart, linebacker — injured shoulder, out for Saturday

■ Frank Taylor, strong safety — sprained ankle, should play Saturday

■ Steve Coppinger, center — strained MCL, will play Saturday

■ Senneca Holmes, wide receiver — knee surgery, has returned and will play Saturday

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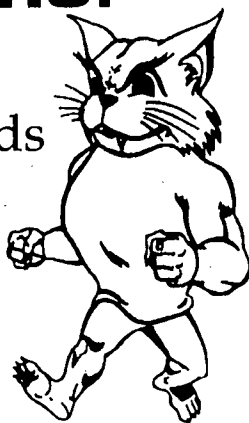
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Robert Aschentrop is a senior geography, computer science and math major from Gladstone. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Order of Omega, Cardinal Key, Student Ambassadors, Gamma Theta Upsilon and Mortar Board. He is sponsored by Alpha Sigma Alpha.



■ **Karen Barmann**

Karen Barmann is a junior public relations major from Maryville. She is the student member of the Board of Regents, a member of the Strategic Planning Council, Phi Mu, PRSSA, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Student Ambassadors. She is sponsored by Phi Mu.

Justin Engelhardt is a junior finance major from Lexington. He is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, Inter-Fraternity Council, Student Ambassadors, Financial Management Association, Public Relations Student Society of American and Theta Chapter. He is sponsored by Student Ambassadors.

Nitin Goil is a senior computer science major from England. He is a member of the Residence Hall Association, Campus Crusade for Christ, the high-rise discipline committee, Association of Computing Machinery, president of C.A.R.E., former vice president of International Student Organization and was a peer leader for SOAR. He is sponsored by International Student Organization.

Benjamin Prell is a senior political science major from Platte City. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pre-Law Society, Mock Trial, Student Ambassadors, Order of Omega, Cardinal Key and is a manager at the Conference Center. He is sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma.

Michael Vinson is a senior public relations major from Badger, Iowa. He is a member of the Newman Center, Student Support Services, Student Senate, Delta Chi, *Northwest Missourian*, Inter-Fraternity Council and is a freshman seminar peer adviser. He is sponsored by Delta Chi.

Michele Beisel is a senior elementary education major from Kansas City, Mo. She is a member of Mortar Board, Phi Mu, Cardinal Key, Student Ambassadors, Panhellenic Council, Order of Omega and Student Missouri State Teachers Association. She is sponsored by Mortar Board.

Amanda Buttler is a senior Spanish and speech theater major from Independence. She



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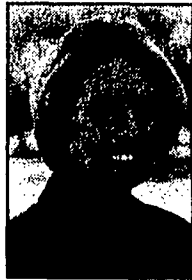
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is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, Millikan Hall Council, Alpha Mu Gamma, Lambda Pi Eta, Student Ambassadors, Bearcat Marching Band, symphonic band and is a freshman seminar peer adviser. She is sponsored by Kappa Kappa Psi.



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## Committee modifies award format, location

by Joni Jones

Managing Editor

Homecoming awards will be presented in a new way this year.

The Bobbys, a takeoff on the Emmys, will start at 5 p.m. Sunday on the Administration Building lawn.

Instead of presenting the awards after the football game on Saturday, like they have in the past, the Homecoming committee decided to use a different format last spring.

"No one liked having the awards in the stadium," said Homecoming co-chairwoman Jen Weipert said. "We were all spread out and couldn't see everyone."

The event will kick off with a barbecue, served by the president's cabinet.

"This is the administration's way of thanking the students and faculty for all their hard work during Homecoming," said Julie Norlen, Homecoming award committee co-chairwoman.

Dinner will consist of hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, a Rice Krispies bar

### The Bobbys

■ The Bobbys 5 p.m. Sunday on the Administration Building lawn.

■ Barbecue served by the president's cabinet before awards ceremony

and a drink. The cost will be \$1, and students can use their Bearcat card to pay. Everyone is invited to attend the event.

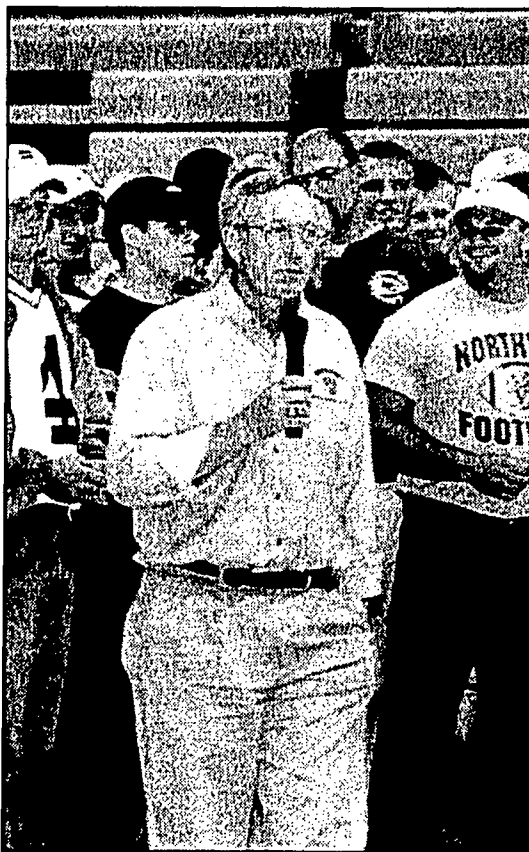
"The cost is so low because the Alumni House, public relations office and the president's office all pooled money together for the dinner," Norlen said.

The awards will be given after dinner.

Variety Show emcees Jon Baker and Jerry Nevins will host the event.

Presenters will be community members, student leaders, Greeks, independents, faculty, staff and administrators.

## Bearcat pride



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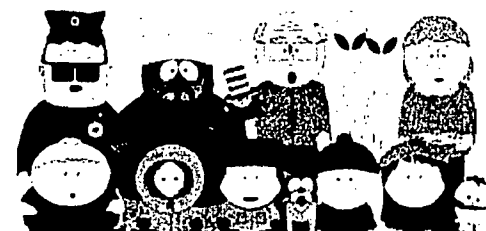
A group of Bearcat supporters cheer loudly for the football team at the Bearcat Pep Rally Monday night in Bearcat Arena. The rally honored all fall athletes and was part of Homecoming week festivities.

Mel Tjeerdsma, head football coach, introduces the football team to the audience at Monday's Bearcat Pep Rally. The 'Cats will face-off against the University of Missouri-Rolla at 2 p.m. Saturday.



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South Park on Wednesdays

## Homecoming Weekend Specials

### Friday

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All-You-Can Eat  
BBQ Ribs \$8.00

5-7 p.m.

1/2 Price Appetizers

### Saturday

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Burger & Fries \$2.<sup>99</sup>

4-8 p.m.

All-You-Can Eat  
BBQ Ribs \$8.<sup>00</sup>

### Sunday

Open at 11 a.m.

Cheap Draws and  
Cans ALL DAY  
Kitchen is open

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